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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56; Title 67 and Title 71, to establish tax incentives and disincentives that will encourage and promote the provision of adequate health insurance coverage for all residents of Tennessee, and to ensure that no employee offered adequate health insurance coverage by an employer shall be considered "uninsurable" for purposes of obtaining health insurance coverage under the state of Tennessee's TennCare program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The title of this act is the "Health Insurance Trust Act of 2000".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, is amended by adding the following new appropriately designated chapter:

CHAPTER ____

THE HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND ACT

Section _____. It is the purpose and intent of the general assembly to encourage and promote the provision of adequate health insurance coverage for all residents of Tennessee in the private marketplace. It is equally the intent of the general assembly that adequate levels of health insurance coverage be made available to residents of Tennessee who are considered uninsurable or uninsured, and that sufficient funding be

obtained for the state's TennCare program to accomplish this goal. Finally, it is the intent of the general assembly to equalize the tax burden borne by all entities offering health insurance coverage in the private marketplace.

Section _____. All funds derived from the enactment of this chapter shall be dedicated to paying for the provision of healthcare services to Tennesseans in need of such services.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof, to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Unless provided otherwise, the provisions of this act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.